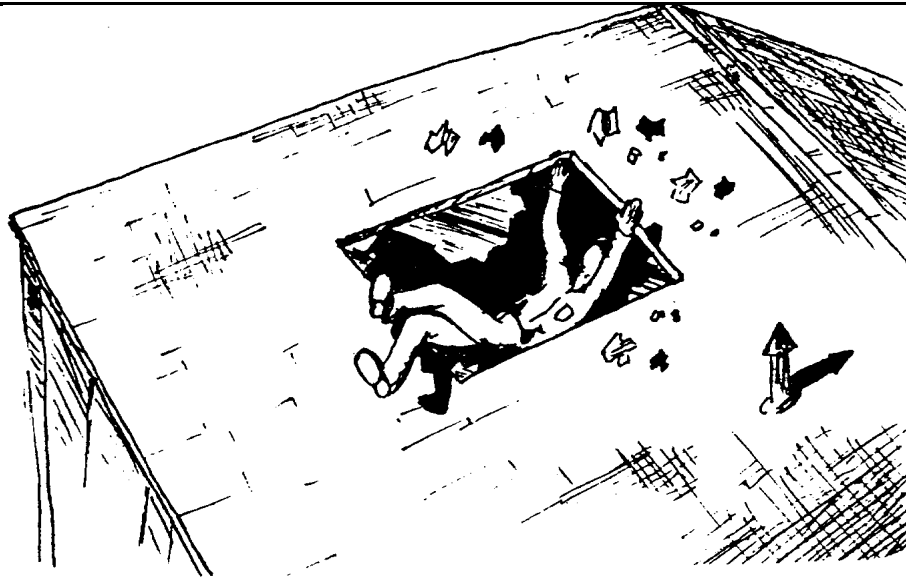


FACE FACTS



Man Falls Through Skylight

The Incident

The victim was a member of a roofing crew placing rock on the roof of a school gym. He was on break and walked over to a 36-inch square plexiglass skylight and removed his right shoe and sock. The skylight broke and he fell backwards through the skylight, landing on his head and shoulders. The rescue squad was called and he was rushed to a hospital where he later died. There were nine unprotected skylights on the roof of the gym. The unprotected skylight was just one of many violations found at this particular job site.

Recommendations

- * Employers and workers must strictly adhere to applicable OSHA regulations.
 - Railings or screens guarding all skylights and other openings in roofs must be installed ***before*** roofing work begins and must remain in place until construction is completed, in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.23 and 1926.500.
- * Employers should assure that all workers required to work near roof openings or skylights are adequately trained to recognize the serious hazard of falls through roof openings, and the danger of sitting or stepping on skylights.